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(C) Ababew Feleke, chief of MFA's International Organizations Directorate, told Pol-Econ Counselor on November 3 that Ethiopia will likely support Ms Myers for another term on the International Civil Service Commission. He said Ethiopia was unimpressed with the Italian candidacy and would prefer to have broader representation on the commission. Pressed as to whether MFA would instruct Ethiopia's New York Mission to vote for Ms Myers, Ababew would not confirm that an instruction would be sent, but said "you should not worry about Ethiopia." COMMENT. Ababew's hedging likely has more to do with the nature of the communication channel between MFA and the Ethiopian Mission to the UN than to official uncertainty about Ms Myers. USUN is doubtless double tracking this issue with the New York Ethiopians. END COMMENT.  
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